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MOTION BY SUPERVISOR ZEV YAROSLAVSKY

January 14, 2003

(Amended Motion - Item #2)

During the last legislative session AB 2777 (Nation) was passed and signed into law. This bill amends the County Employees Retirement Law of 1937 to permit certain Boards of Supervisors, including the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, to extend to domestic partners of County employees the same survivor benefits received by the spouses of eligible County employees who die either before or after retirement from County service. Both this Board and the Board of Retirement of LACERA actively supported the passage of AB 2777.

AB 2777 does not require that this benefit be extended; it allows the Board of Supervisors to do so at its option. In order to make this decision, the Board will require information concerning the cost implications. The CAO has consulted with the City of Los Angeles, whose retirement system extended survivor benefits to domestic partners in 1996, and has opined that based on the City's experience, LACERA's costs to implement AB 2777 should be minimal. Nonetheless, before considering this matter the Board should cause a thorough actuarial analysis to be conducted. In that AB 2777 took effect on January 1, 2003, it would be appropriate at this time for the Board

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to request that LACERA cause this study to be performed. Such a study is estimated to cost approximately \$6,000 and should require only a few weeks' time. SEIU Local 660 has also expressed an interest in the preparation of this study. **Under LACERA policy, if a request is received from both the County and an employee organization, LACERA will bear the cost of preparing an actuarial report.**

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the CAO be instructed to ~~arrange request~~ LACERA to conduct the appropriate actuarial study of the cost of implementing AB 2777, and to provide the results within sixty days to the Board of Supervisors so that it may make a decision on implementing the provisions of this bill.

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